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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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**RE: Application to Public Utilities Commission for a Route Permit
Lake Yankton to Marshall Transmission Line Project Alternative Permitting Process**

PUC Docket No. E002/TL-07-1407

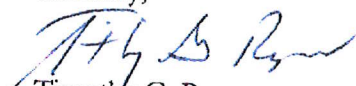
Dear Dr. Haar:

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, is electronically filing its request for a route permit for a high voltage transmission line. The application is made pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216E and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7849. We request that the application be considered under the Alternative Permitting Process set forth in Minnesota Rules 7849.5500 to 7849.5720 as authorized by Minnesota Rule 7849.5500, subp. 1(c).

The proposed project consists of a new, approximately 16-mile long, 115 kV transmission line between the Lake Yankton Substation and the Southwest Marshall Substation located in Lyon County. This project is one of the three lines for which a Certificate of Need was granted in Docket No. E-002/CN-06-154.

This filing consists of the body of the application and Appendixes A through E. The application fee payment is being sent to the Department of Commerce under separate cover. Please call me at (612) 330-1955 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,


Timothy G. Rogers
Permitting Analyst

Enclosures

Cc: Department of Commerce (5 Paper Copies and one electronic copy on cd)